

Author's Notes on Windish And Malaga Get Rondi  
(Book 25: *Lord Efran and the Minor Regent*)

The fabulous backdrop for this confrontation is the [Palace of Monserrate](#)<sup>1</sup> in Sintra, Portugal. The AI-generated tabletop came from [here](#)<sup>2</sup>, and the parchments, quill and ink (which the Fortress supplied to Nibor) came from [PickPik](#) and [Klipartz](#).

[Rondi](#)<sup>3</sup>, standing at the head of the table with [Ryal](#)<sup>4</sup>, is looking out the window at a [Mt. Rainier](#)<sup>5</sup> sunset for comfort (see below). He is carrying a book that looks suspiciously like Estes' Polonti *Code of Justice*. I had to tuck it under Ryal's arm to cover up the laptop. To his left is [Windish](#)<sup>6</sup>, and beside him is [Malaga](#)<sup>7</sup>, who is wearing designer clothing, of course. Across the table from her, [Minka](#)<sup>8</sup> is wearing her devious face, for some reason. She must know something. And leaning his chair on its back legs against that gorgeous wall, [Efran](#)<sup>9</sup> is working up to a glassy-eyed rage.

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